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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of:)
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Boyd et al.) Before the Examiner
) Comstock
Serial No. 09/869,813)
) Group Art Unit
Filed January 3, 2002) 3738
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INTERVERTEBRAL SPACERS WITH SIDE)
WALL ACCESSIBLE INTERIOR CAVITY)

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 16, 2004, the Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments and consideration of the accompanying remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 10.

In addition, please provide any extensions of time that may be necessary and charge any fees that may be due to Deposit Account 23-3030, but do not include any payment of issue fees that are or may become due.

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